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MULTIPLE SENSORS IN A DEVICE
WITH A DISPLAY

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

Applicants' representative, Theodore M. Magee, held an interview with Examiner Awad on November 16, 2004. Claims 9 and 12 were discussed. During the interview, it was proposed that claim 9 be amended to include the limitation "wherein the same tilt context value can change the orientation and control scrolling" at the end of the last limitation of claim 9. Examiner Awad indicated that this claim amendment would have to be compared against the prior art to determine if it made claim 9 allowable.

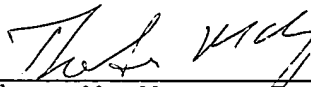
Claim 12 was also discussed with regards to the proximity context values. Examiner Awad indicated that he construed the term's proximity context values to include values generated when a computing device is touched. Applicants' representative indicated that such values did not fit within the proximity context values of claim 12, since the sequence of proximity context values must be able to indicate that an object is present but not moving relative to the device. Applicants' representative welcomes further suggestions for amending claim 12 to distinguish the proximity sensor, which does not require

touching of the device, from prior art buttons and touch sensors that indicate movement relative to the device when the user touches the device.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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